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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 12, 1999

APPLICATION OF

CENTRAL WATER COMPANY, INC.

CASE NO. PUE990593

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity to
operate a water utility

ORDER DOCKETING CASE

Under cover of a letter dated August 19, 1999, the Vice-President of Central Water Company, Inc. ("Central" or "Company"), submitted an application and several exhibits to Marc Tufaro of the Commission's Division of Energy Regulation requesting the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water utility. Mr. Tufaro caused the application to be filed with the Clerk of the Commission. Central serves or proposes to serve 450 to 750 customers in the Amsterdam District of Botetourt County, Virginia.

Pursuant to our authority under Chapter 10.1 of Title 56, and under § 56-247, of the Code of Virginia ("Va. Code"), we will direct our Staff to conduct an investigation of the application and to submit its findings in a report to be filed with the Commission. Any of the Company's regulations, measurements, practices, acts or services found to be unjust,

unreasonable, insufficient, preferential, unjustly discriminatory, or otherwise in violation of law shall be replaced. Pursuant to Va. Code § 56-240, Central's rates and charges may be implemented subject to refund with interest pending the conclusion of the Staff investigation ordered herein.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE990593.
- (2) The Commission Staff shall investigate the application and submit a report of its findings on or before January 14, 2000.
- (3) The Company may implement its proposed rates, terms, and conditions subject to refund with interest.
- (4) On or before October 29, 1999, Central shall provide the following notice to its customers, and to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Botetourt County, Virginia:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF A
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY BY CENTRAL WATER CO., INC.

On August 19, 1999, Central Water Company, Inc. ("Central" or "Company"), submitted its application to the State Corporation Commission for the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide water utility service to customers in and around the Amsterdam District, Botetourt County, Virginia. The Commission has docketed the application and assigned it Case No. PUE990593.

The Company proposes to charge \$15 per month for its services to residential customers for any part of their first 3,000 gallons of usage. The rate of \$4 per 1,000 gallon for any additional usage is proposed. It further proposes to charge \$750, plus taxes, for service connection fees for 3/4 inch lines and an additional \$250, plus taxes, per 1/4 inch for larger connections. The Commission, by order, has permitted Central to implement these rates and fees, subject to refund with interest following an investigation of the application.

Anyone wishing to submit comments to the Commission or to request a hearing on Central's application may do so by sending comments or requests in writing to the Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and referring to Case No. PUE990593, on or before December 15, 1999. A copy of the application may be reviewed in the Company's offices at 1410 16th Street, S.E., Roanoke, Virginia, or in the Commission's Document Control Center, First Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, during regular business hours.

CENTRAL WATER COMPANY, INC.

(5) On or before November 21, 1999, the Company shall submit proof of service of this notice.